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OELZ NAMED ACTING DEAN OF LIBRARY AT UM

MISSOULA--

Erling Oelz, associate professor at the University of Montana, has been appointed acting dean of the Mansfield Library for the 1982-83 academic year, Donald Habbe, academic vice president, announced.

The appointment as acting dean was effective Sept. 1 and was approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting Sept. 13.

As acting dean, Oelz will oversee 10 departments including the Archives and Special Services and Instructional Materials Service.

"We are extremely fortunate to have an individual of the caliber of Erling Oelz to serve in the acting role this year," Habbe said.

Habbe said the University has begun a national search for a replacement for Earle Thompson, who was dean of the library since 1964.

Oelz has been actively involved in various state and campus organizations. He was president of the Montana Library Association during 1981-82 and vice president of the University Teachers Union in 1980-81. He was a member of the faculty senate from 1977 to 1979.

Oelz has also served as a faculty adviser, and he instituted the class in library-use instruction.

Oelz has been director of Public Services at the library since he was appointed to the UM faculty in 1971. He received a B.A. from Western Michigan University and a M.S. in Library Science from the University of Illinois.

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